

Superior Coal Mines
Wooden Structure
Sections 28, 29, T21N, R102W
Horse Thief Canyon
Old Superior Mines and Townsite
about 1/4 mile north of South Superior.
Sweetwater County *South Superior vicinity*
Wyoming

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Wood Structure: Site 48SW4068, Structure B (NE/SW/SW/SE Section 20, T21N, R102W 12/667760E/4626520N).

This structure is a two room residential building. The structure is located on the east slope of a south to north trending finger ridge which extends into the valley of Horse Thief Draw approximately 1 mile northwest of Superior. The building is oriented from west to east facing east. It is an L-shaped building with a gabled roof and is constructed of vertically standing railroad ties secured by a wood frame. The overall dimensions are 14 feet 11 inches east to west by 10 feet 0 inches north to south. The structure sits on sill logs of 8 inch x 8 inch milled lumber. The sill logs set directly on earth. The walls consist of vertically standing railroad ties some of which still have railroad tie plates and spikes attached to them. Materials used in the building of this structure were either discarded by the railroad or purchased second hand from the railroad. The roof of the structure is gabled with a large hewn log serving as ridge pole. The roof itself consists of milled lumber boards covered with tar paper.

The only entrance to the structure is located in the east elevation. The door has been completely removed. A window is also located in the east elevation. Like the door, the window glass has been removed although the wooden surrounds are still present. The only other opening is located near the west end of the south elevation. This is also a window from which all glass is now missing. The wooden surrounds are still in place.

The structure is divided into two rooms, an east room and a west room. The east room measures 8 feet 7 inches north to south by 7 feet 3 inches east to west. The flooring of this room consists of milled lumber planking secured to a wood frame by metal nails. The walls consist of the vertically standing wooden railroad ties covered in places with sheets of cardboard or corrugated metal plating. Access to the room is through the doorway in the east elevation.

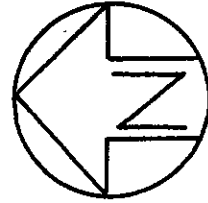
The west room is somewhat larger measuring 10 feet 0 inches north to south by 7 feet 8 inches east to west. The room has a floor of milled lumber planks over a wood frame. A dividing wall of vertically standing railroad ties serves to separate the west room from the east room. Access to the west room is through a doorway in the south end of the dividing wall. The door has been removed. The north and south walls consist of vertically standing railroad ties with patches of cardboard secured to the ties. The west wall consists of dry laid sandstone slabs which have been set directly into the hillside which the west end of the structure abuts. The slabs are chinked with mud.

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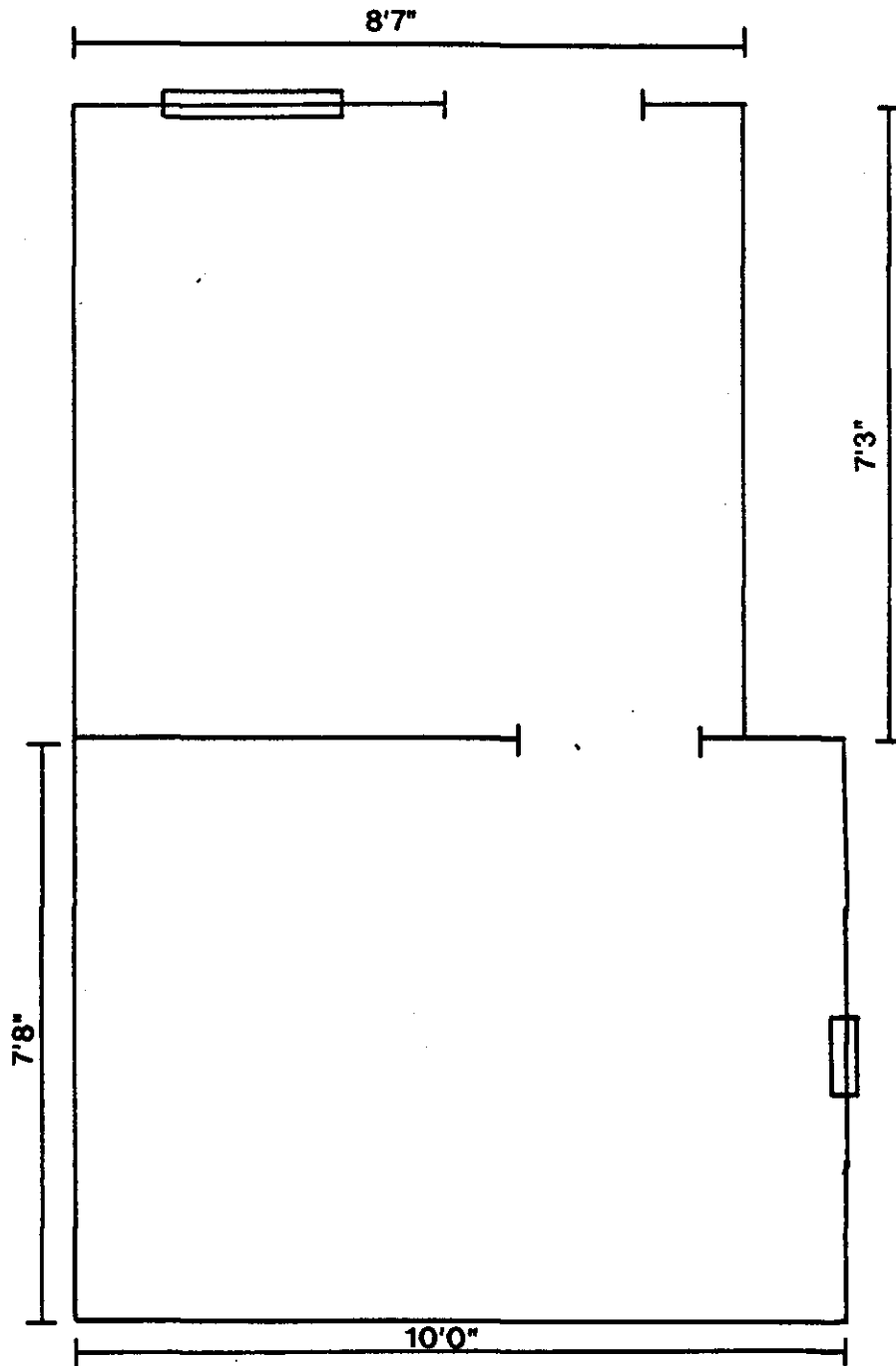
The walls and rooms of the structure are in fair to poor condition. The entire structure is leaning to the south. The roofing paper is badly torn and all window glass has been removed as has the doors.

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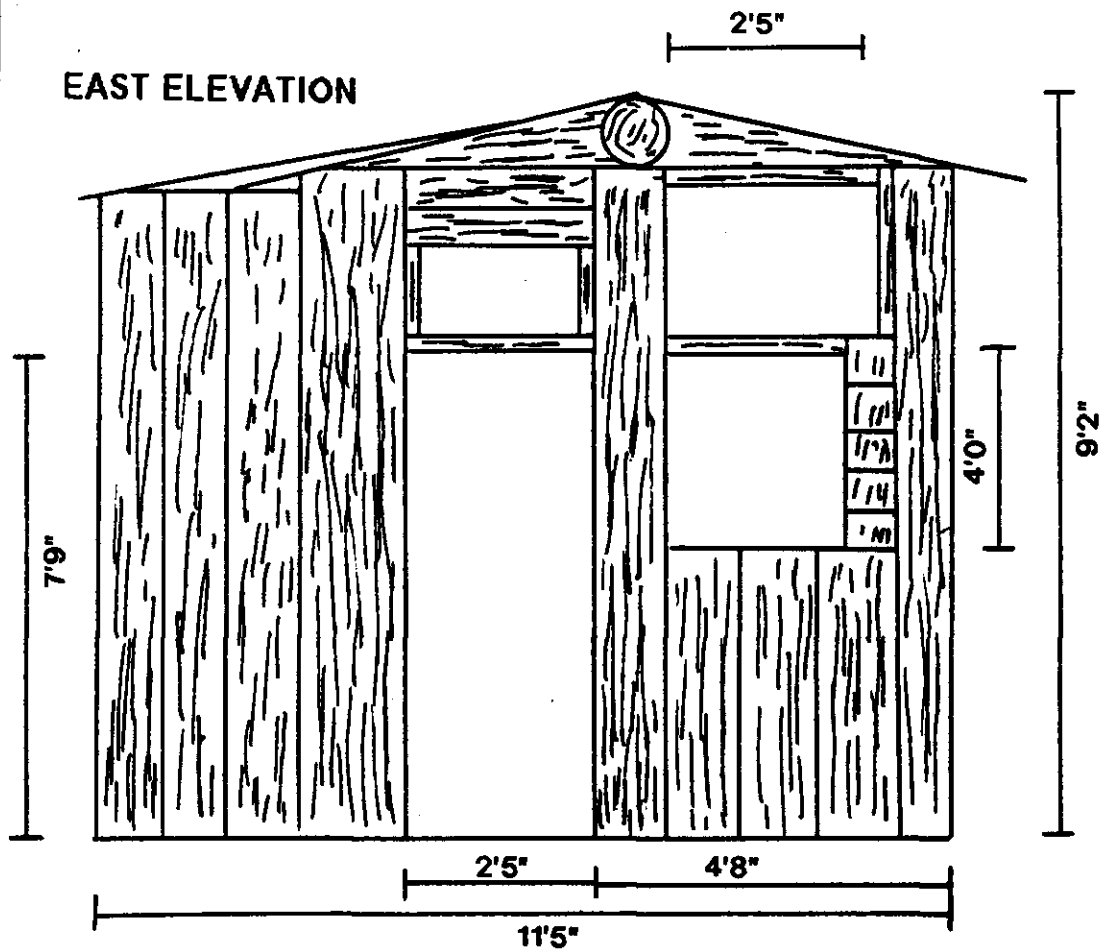
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EAST ELEVATION



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